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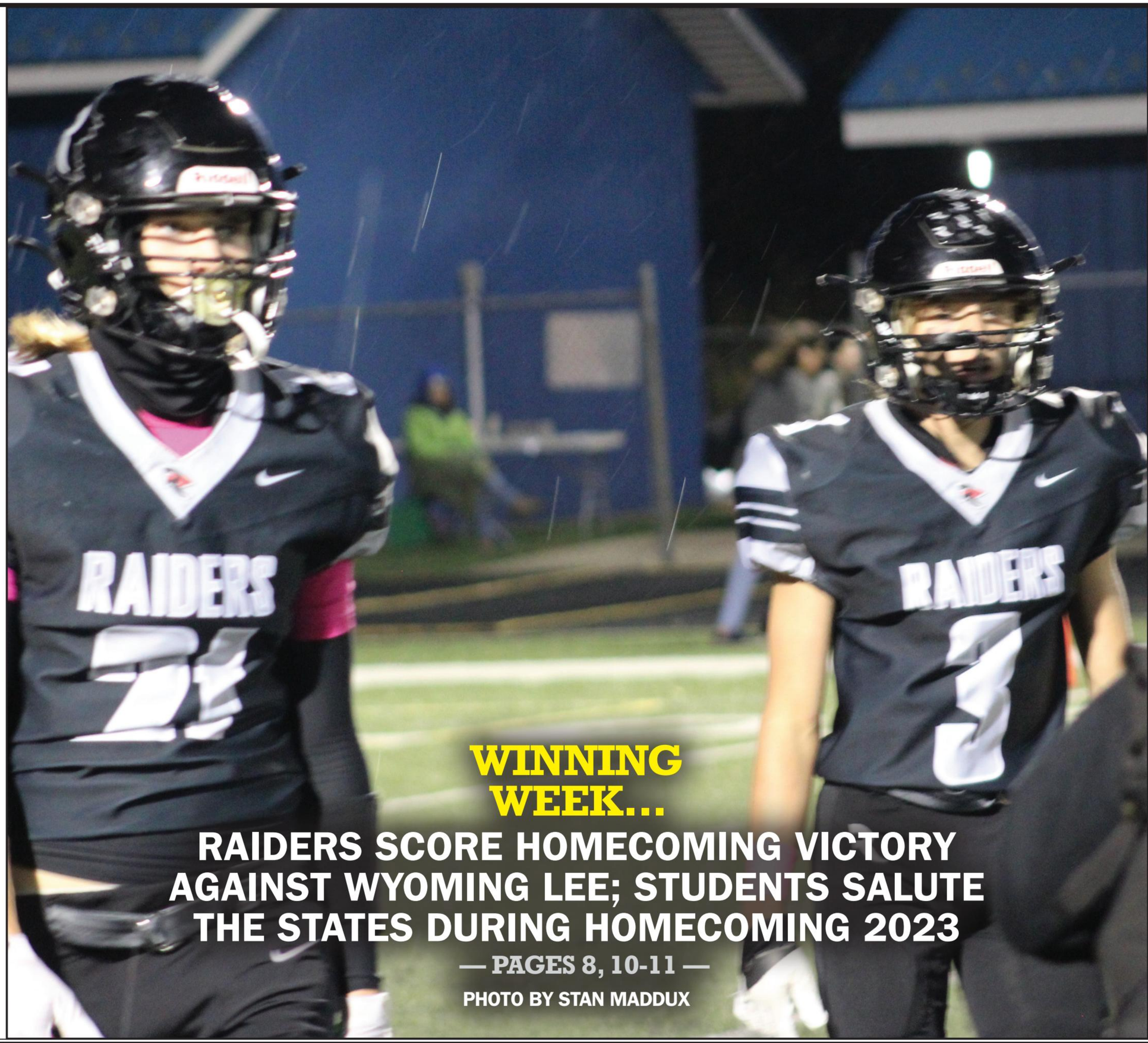

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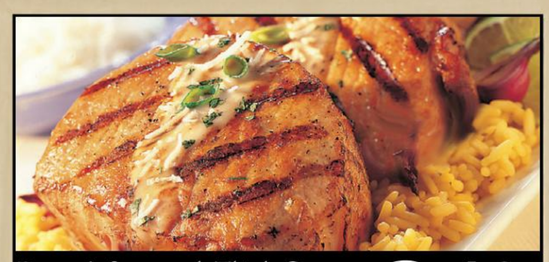

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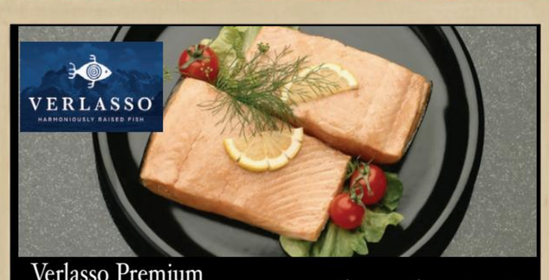

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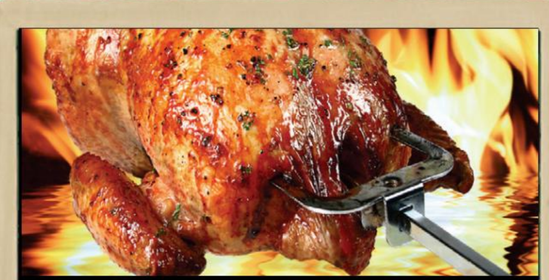

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PNW reinforces commitment to future of Westville campus

BY STAN MADDUX

Officials at Purdue University Northwest insist there are no plans to close its campus near Westville.

Instead, they're investing into the campus and thinking of ways to reverse declining enrollment during a period of lower birth rates and high school graduates moving on to college.

That was the picture drawn by administrators during a presentation before the La Porte County Commissioners Wednesday, Oct. 4.

Commission President Connie Gramarossa thanked the administrators from the main campus at Hammond for their assurances.

"I hope this really closes a lot of those rumors and I'm glad you're looking at different opportunities and different ways of keeping the campus open," she said.

PNW Chancellor Tom Keon said declining birth rates and fewer high school graduates attending college nationwide in recent years are posing a challenge at many institutions of higher education.

He said lower birth rates, which began in 2017, are not projected to get better anytime soon.

In fact, Keon said the forecast shows an even sharper decline in births nationwide beginning in 2026, with no flattening of the curve until 2036.

"There's going to be a very steep decline in young people over the next 18 years," he said.

One thing working in favor of the campus near Westville is the birth rate in La Porte County is projected to decline by slightly more than 2% over the next 13 years.

In comparison, Keon said birth rates over that same period are forecast to drop by about 16% in both Lake and Porter counties.

However, the current number of students going on to college from high schools in Michigan City, LaPorte and Westville ranges from 54 to 40%.

Typically, Keon said the percentages at other feeder schools in Lake and Porter counties is above 60%, with highest being more than 80% in Munster.

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"A lot of those are down 10% since 2015," he said.

Enrollment at the Westville area campus has also been impacted from changes by the state legislature over the past decade or so that eliminated associate degree programs at public universities and transferred them to Ivy Tech, said PNW Provost and Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs Kenneth "Chris" Holford.

The campus along U.S. 421 was built on associate's degree programs in areas like nursing and technology, but now offers seven four-year degree programs.

In addition, Holford said the campus near Westville has lost students from the Indiana Department of Correction switching from universities to community colleges on who provides higher education courses to offenders.

The campus used to serve inmates from Westville Correctional Facility and Indiana State Prison.

Despite the challenges, Holford said substantial investments have been made in facilities at the Westville area campus in areas like classrooms and labs.

Adjustments in student offerings and how they're delivered are also under review in response to a five-year analysis of the courses provided at the campus, he said.

Holford said the mission is still to provide the best educational experience possible at the campus while adapting to the changing times.

He said one of the keys to stabilizing enrollment is better informing high school graduates about the option of completing their first two years of general studies at Westville before advancing to the PNW campus at Hammond.

The campus in Hammond has 70 four-year degree programs.

"If we were interested in closing the campus down, we wouldn't be looking for those types of opportunities," Holford said.

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— Anne Heche

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Chikaming Township trustees discuss proposed amendments to rental ordinance

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

The public will be able to review proposed amendments to Chikaming Township's rental ordinance before members of the Chikaming Township Board of Trustees give them a final review next month, supervisor David Bunte said at the Thursday, Oct. 5, meeting.

The amendments were drafted by attorney Charles Hilmer with the help of members of the Public Safety Committee and the township's code enforcement.

He added that the amendments are being proposed because there exists a "very minor few" rentals that have had recurring issues and seem willing to just pay a small fine rather than "rectify the situation."

The changes that have been proposed have "to do specifically for controlling noise and nuisance ordinance related issues in Ordinance 131 in compliance with those ordinances, and then gives us the opportunity to substantially increase the fines to what is allowable by law and eventually to revoke a registration based on recurring issues and what procedures are in place in order to revoke one's rental license."

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Trustee Rich Sullivan drew attention to the section Penalties and Offenses and asked if the penalty would be the same for those who violate the noise and nuisance ordinance and don't rent out their property.

Hilmer said that, while some civil infractions may start at $50, the cap for them is $500.

He added that he believes the minimum fine for a resident who's called on for violating the noise ordinance, which is a civil infraction, is $50 and that it would also be considered a civil infraction with the rental ordinance.

Sullivan said that, per the proposed amended rental ordinance, a "municipal civil infraction" is subject to a payment of a civil fine of not less than $100.

"So we are treating someone who rents out their building differently than a homeowner because a homeowner it could be a $50 fine," he said.

Bunte said that, in his opinion, while short term rentals aren't classified as a commercial business operation, the situation is different for rentals.

"These are cases we're trying to wrangle that are recurring issues or recurring problems - so are we treating the renters of our township property owners differently? Yes, it's a business, they're being operated as a business," he said.

Bunte added that a business owner violating the ordinance is different because "that business is actually operating and functioning as a business" and isn't a residential property that's being rented out to someone else.

"The property owner being at their property, living there and if there's some type of infraction that we're going to be called on, that is a different situation than when you got tenants and renters on a regular basis going in and out of property - they're not aware of it , they're not being held accountable for the ordinances of the township," he said.

Bunte said that Midwest Energy and Communications (MEC), which was awarded the ROBIN grant for broadband internet expansion in the county, was waiting for the challenges that were presented to MiFi, which is the Michigan organization that has added to the grant, and that there were 863 challenges in the county that were removed from the potential list of those that had the opportunity for getting service.

He said he doesn't know how many of those 863 were in the township; however, a majority of them were in the Buchanan area. Those areas weren't allowed to be funded through the ROBIN grant due to falling under a previous grant, where another company had a contract to "complete these areas."

A fraudulent intent, however carefully concealed at the outset, will generally, in the end, betray itself.
— Livy

MEC won't be challenging the 863 challenges, Bunte said; however, because several of the parcels are in areas MEC is also going to go through, a number of them will have the chance to connect through MEC.

Once an announcement is made through the state on how many total parcels they're going to be connecting to in the county, MEC can finalize their construction schedule and the township can get its agreements set with them for the number of parcels that will be impacted, as well as give them the township's ARPA funding.

Board members approved $10,000 being transferred to the training expenses line item in the police department's fiscal year budget. Police chief Todd Taylor said he was approved a grant from the Michigan Commissional Law Enforcement Standards with regards to the township funding tuition for the police academy at Kalamazoo Valley Community College. The township will write a check to KVCC and, once it's paid, send it to the state, which will reimburse them.

Board members approved Frank Richter filling the remainder of a term, which is March 2026, on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Board members approved the coverage presented for Blue Cross Blue Shield for renewal for December 2023, which includes splitting the cost increase 50/50 between the township and an employee.

Board members agreed not to acquire land on Elm Valley Road that could expand Chikaming Township Park and Preserve after the property owner requested their interest in the purchase. Board members cited issues with topography, as the Galien River cuts right through the property and would make accessibility to the park from the south difficult, as well as issues with controlling and maintaining a separate entrance.

Zabicki to step down from Berrien County Clerks Association

At the recent meeting of the Berrien County Clerks Association, Chair Judy Zabicki announced that she was stepping down because of current plans to move from the area. She felt that with the new laws in place with the 9 days of early voting an a Presidential Primary Election in February that the association needed a strong board here working with the County Clerks Office for all the residents of Berrien County.

Lincoln Township Clerk of 15 years Stacy Loar-Porter current Treasurer of the association was unanimously elected to be Chair of the BCCA.

Loar-Porter has an extensive background in municipal work including Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks member, MAMC Legislative Committee Member,

MiPMC- Michigan Professional Municipal Clerk Certification, International Institute of Municipal Clerk Member, CMC Certified Municipal.

Stacy Began her career at Lincoln Charter Township in 2002 working in the finance department and assisting with elections and cemeteries. She was elected to Township Clerk in 2008.

Kalla Langston was unanimously elected to fill the treasurers position on the board of the BCCA.

Kalla worked for five years at Lincoln Charter Township before taking the job as Clerk at the City of Buchanan where she has been for two yrs. She is currently working on her MIPMC Certification and has served as the secretary for the Michigan Association of Municipal Cemeteries Kall currently serves on the Legislative committee for MAMC. — STAFF REPORTS

New Buffalo Service League Arts and Crafts Show coming next weekend

The signs of fall are here – crisp, cool weather, emerging brilliant fall foliage colors and the New Buffalo Service League Arts and Crafts Show, which is from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, in the gyms at New Buffalo High School/Middle School located at 1112 E. Clay Street in New Buffalo.

More than 100 arts and crafts booths will be offering handcrafted items for the home, yard, holidays and beautiful wearable art items as well as delectable edibles, toys and floral décor.

Service League members will be having their famous bake sale, with a mouth-watering variety of home-baked goods – you'll want to make sure you get there early. In addition, members will be offering their breakfast and luncheon menu (complete with home-baked apple slices - get your very own before they sell out) for busy shoppers and crafters.

Proceeds of the show are dedicated to the Mary Ann Frey Scholarship Fund, which provides scholarship awards to area high school seniors each year.

Admission to the show is $2 and the building is handicap accessible.
— STAFF REPORTS

BERRIEN COUNTY SEEKING APPLICATIONS FOR INTERIM SHERIFF POSITION

The Sheriff Appointment Committee is currently accepting applications for their consideration.

The committee, comprised of County Clerk Sharon Tyler, Probate Judge Mabel Mayfield and Prosecuting Attorney Steven Pierangeli, is authorized by statute to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Berrien County Sheriff Paul Bailey, whose resignation is effective Dec. 31, 2023. The appointment would be for the remainder of the current term ending Dec. 31, 2024.

The committee is requesting candidates use the Berrien County Employment Application process by submitting an application to the Personnel Department located at 701 Main Street, Saint Joseph, MI 49085. A resume and cover letter describing the applicant's specific qualifications may be submitted with the County Application. Applicants may submit a hard copy of the application form, which is available to them at the Personnel Department. Applicants may also apply by using the Berrien County Employment online application process. The online site for the process is located at https://www.berriencounty.org/MyAccount/?from=Url&url=%2FFormCenter%2FPersonnel-Encrypted-32%2FApplication-for-Employment-194

The applications are due by 5 p.m. on Oct. 20, 2023.

Applicants must have at least seven years of employment in law enforcement or public safety matters, with a minimum of three years of supervisory experience during that employment.

For 2023, the annual salary for the sheriff position was established by the Board of County Commissioners as $117,546. The position will also include health and retirement benefits.

The Sheriff Appointment Committee will meet at 9:30 a.m. Nov. 1 at the Berrien County Courthouse to review all applications. Interviews for the position, if needed, will be held at 9 a.m. Nov. 22 at the Berrien County Courthouse. — STAFF REPORTS

SCHOLASTICS

New Buffalo school board approves elementary school therapy dog

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

Members of the New Buffalo Area Schools Board of Education approved engaging in the training and the insurance required to have a therapy dog at New Buffalo Elementary School at their Monday, Oct. 9, meeting.

New Buffalo Elementary School Principal Michael Megyesi said that, in working with guidance counselor Angela Robertson, they've identified that 30% of the students have experienced an Adverse Childhood Experience, or an ACE, which could range from being a parental divorce to a tragedy, like death.

A therapy dog, he said, could help students who have trouble focusing or challenges with self regulating their behaviors, as well as with social skills and self control and to reduce anxiety.

Through his experience of seeing a therapy dog used at the school his children attend in Valparaiso, Megyesi learned that therapy dogs help increase school attendance, teach empathy and attentiveness to students and instill in them a sense of responsibility.

The dog, which will become a Bison next fall, will be introduced to students at first through a rotating schedule. The dog will also be utilized for reading and restorative circles and special education.

Taking his cue from Valparaiso, Megyesi said that students who are afraid of dogs will, along with their parents, be given a one-on-one meeting with the dog before or after school to allow them to feel more comfortable.

Megyesi said his family has already given a home to a Sheepadoodle from a breeder near Angola, Indiana, with him being the designated handler and his three children the caretakers. He said it was important to find a specific type of dog - one who's intelligent, hypoallergenic, child friendly, loyal and, most importantly, "fluffy."

The dog will be undergoing 25-26 weeks of training, eventually becoming certified through Therapy Dogs International. Megyesi said Valparaiso uses a company called XInsurance, which provides liability insurance for therapy and police dogs.

New Buffalo Animal Hospital has agreed to fully sponsor the dog concerning all its veterinarian needs and the Parent Teacher Organization is sponsoring and paying for all the dog's necessary supplies.

Bowen attends the National Distinguished Principals program in Washington, D.C. — PHOTO VIA FACEBOOK

Superintendent Adam Bowen said that the district would go with the top tier regarding insurance, which would be $1,000 a year, with the district picking up that insurance. The first training course would be $195 and the total training cost would be $800. The total cost for the district for the first year of having the therapy dog would be $1800, which would be put toward the district's budget for next year for planning purposes. Moving forward, the cost would be about $1,000 a year, which is primarily insurance.

At the last meeting, board members approved giving business manager Pano Arvanitis and Bowen to issue a bond that would be up to $6 million with regards to the elementary kitchen rebuild project and the district's safety and security upgrades.

Since then, Arvanitis said that they've gotten an estimated construction budget from SKillman Corporation. It was discovered that the radios for police and fire don't work as well at the elementary school and the system needs to be upgraded, with Arvanitis saying that they're still waiting on the bid estimates for those.

Looking at the final budget, he said he and Bowen feel that $4.5 million would be more appropriate for the issuance of the bond, which translates into $421,000 a year coming from the general fund.

Board members accepted a resolution regarding the district's Planned Unit Development on Lubke Street as adopted.

Dr. Michael Lindley, the district's former interim superintendent, said that they've gotten three proposals from potential developers who'd partner with the district on the project.

Board members were given guiding principles, which will be used to "ascertain who's the most responsive and qualified private entity to enter into business with," Lindley said.

The following have been approved for employment by the superintendent: Natalie Walter: seventh grade girls basketball; Jessica Voss: eighth grade girls basketball Conner Lijewski: seventh grade boys basketball; Kevin Ebbesen: eighth grade boys basketball; Kaden Parmley: freshmen boys basketball; Nate Tripp Jr.: junior varsity boys basketball and Nate Tripp Sr.: varsity boys basketball.

Bowen had just gotten back from Washington D.C., where he received the award of 2023 NAESP National Distinguished Principal by the National Association of Elementary School Principals as a result of being one of 37 exemplary elementary and middle-level principals from across the nation. Pre- K-8 principals traveled to the Capitol to participate in two days of events, including an awards banquet honoring their accomplishments.

Last December, Bowen was named the Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association 2022 Principal of the Year.

SPORTS

From the Bleachers

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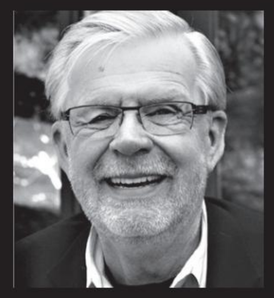


The best football player I ever saw passed away last Thursday.

Dick Butkus was born and raised on the south side of Chicago, about a block from where I grew up. He was three grades ahead of me, so I didn't hang out with him, but he was best friends with my buddies' brother so I got to hang around (like a little brother) and be amazed by his athletic prowess.

Fernwood park was where I saw him play baseball on the big field while we played on the little one. He was a great catcher, and I heard one day that someone tried to score and Butkus blocked the plate. The runner tried to knock the ball out of his hand, but he was foiled. Not only was he out, but he was knocked out.

Mr. Butkus is a legend and as the years pass the stories about legends tend to become exaggerated, but Dick's exploits were so unbelievable that no exaggeration was needed.

Butkus went to high school at Chicago Vocational while most of the neighborhood kids (including me) went to Fenger. My friends and I went to Gately Stadium to watch Vocational play our team when we were freshmen. The teams seemed to be equally matched, except they had Butkus.

In high school, he played both ways. On offense, he was the running back, and he was ferocious. He ran all over us. On defense he was a linebacker and stopped us from gaining any yardage at all. The final score was something like 62-0. The legend was growing.

Butkus next stop was the University of Illinois. One thing is for sure, Illinois never was and still isn't a football powerhouse. When Butkus was there, they won the Rose Bowl. I just realized that all I've talked about is his toughness and competitiveness.

Outside the arena, he was a nice guy. He was witty, funny, loyal, and kind. He married his high school sweetheart in 1963 and they were married for 60 years. After his football career ended, he acted and did some sports commentary. He was active in the Butkus Foundation. On the field though, it was a different story.

His professional career was where most people knew about Butkus. While his Bear teams didn't fare very well, he was a true monster of the Midway.

One of his opponents said that when he hit you, he didn't want to send you to the hospital, he wanted to send you to the graveyard. His era produced many great middle linebackers, but none compared to him.

In my life, I've not witnessed a lot of championship Bears teams, but I've been blessed to cheer for some of the best players the sport has ever seen. Seeing so many great players, especially my personal favorites, Butkus and Payton, have kept me a Bear fan and made the losing seasons bearable. There will be other great players but none will exceed Mr. Dick Butkus.

R.I.P. sir, you've earned it.

Abraham Lincoln said, "I have simply tried to do what seemed best each day, as each day came."

It seems like Butkus lived his life that way too.

Be kind. Talk to you next week. Peace, love, and happiness.

Lady Bison add to win total in volleyball

BY STAN MADDUX

The New Buffalo High School girls' volleyball team cruised to a three-set victory at Eau Claire Wednesday, Oct. 4.

The Lady Bison won 25-15, 25-12 and 25-14, with a balanced attack in their sweep of the match.

New Buffalo (14-8-2) was led on offense by Cassidy Saunders with points from eight kills at the net.

Jane Funk had seven kills to go along with three aces on serves.

Ava Johnson contributed to the scoring with 18 assists.

Colleen Chlystun, Meagan Fatter, Nicky Durham, Riley Tertel and Olivia Plis combined for eight kills.

Fatter was the leader on defense with 10 digs for keeping the ball returned by the opposition from hitting the floor and she helped offensively with four kills.

Tertel and Chlystun had eight and seven digs respectively while Johnson, Funk, Saunders, Josie Humphrey, Laura Wamser, Elizabeth McDonald and Libby Lamport combined for 23 digs.

New Buffalo easily won its 15th game of the season Wednesday, Oct. 11, at Covert.

The Lady Bison also swept that match 25-8, 25-10 and 25-6.

Funk led the team with five kills.

Wamser and Johnson together had 12 aces.

HIKERS TO HOLD SECOND LEAF HIKE AT MADELINE BERTRAND COUNTY PARK

The Harbor Country Hikers will hold the second stage of its three-park leaf-peeping tour through Berrien County parks at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21.

Led by parks naturalist Lamanda Hilty, the Hikers will follow the turning leaves at Madeline Bertrand Park in Niles and learn how Southwest Michigan's wildlife prepares for winter.

Madeline Bertrand offers memorable fall trails in 153 acres of gently rolling hills, through pine and oak forests and along a bluff overlooking the St. Joseph River.

Although membership is preferred, all are welcome on this hike.The group advises those who attend to dress for the weather, wear comfortable shoes or boots and bring plenty of water. The 2.5-mile hike is rated moderately physically difficult, and the event is expected to last about two hours.

For more information, including driving directions, visit www.harborcountryhikers.com or the Harbor Country Hikers' Facebook page.

— STAFF REPORTS

Gervonta Davis is very tough. If you can actually hit him, he then begins to walk right through you.

— Dino N. Fatouros

Raiders score Homecoming victory against Wyoming Lee

BY STAN MADDUX

The Red Arrow Raiders scored the first 20 points before cruising to victory in high school football during a homecoming game Friday, Oct. 6, against Wyoming Lee.

The final score was 72 to 28 in a blustery and sometimes rainy night at New Buffalo.

The offense for the Raiders scored on their first snap of the game when quarterback Ethan Lijewski hooked up with Ryder Wolnik for a 50 yard touchdown.

After catching the ball, Wolnik ran 35 yards into the end zone.

A short time later, Wolnik struck again on defense when he intercepted a pass at the 50 yard line and took the ball to the five yard line.

Wolnik on third down then powered his way up the middle for a three yard touchdown run.

He and Owen Slavens were major factors in the next scoring drive for the Raiders mostly from rushing plays.

Slavens did have a nine yard gain on a pass from Lijewski before gaining just enough ground on a rushing play for a first down.

A few plays later, Payton Lijewski caught a short pass for a touchdown to make the score 20-0.

The Legends came right back, though, with a long kick-off return before running the ball on the next play 25 yards into the end zone.

Rain mixed with hail started falling rather heavily in the second quarter just before halftime, with the Raiders ahead 28-16, and the game was delayed for 30 minutes by lightning.

There was less than a minute left on the clock when play resumed but the Raiders twice put the ball into the end zone, once on a 37-yard touchdown pass to Wolnik.

The Raiders then recovered the ball on the kick off and Lijewski soon ran the ball five yards into the end zone.

Wolnik, who grabbed another interception in the second half, finished with close to 200 yards receiving and 83 yards rushing, while Lijewski racked up more than 250 yards passing.

"It was a good win," said head coach Matt Johnson.

Wolnik also ran the ball in for two two-point conversions and had several tackles for loss of yardage.

"He had a hell of a game," Johnson said.

After a disappointing loss the previous week, Johnson said his players responded by executing much better and handling the athletic ability of the opposing quarterback and wide receivers.

"Everything we did ended up working," he said.

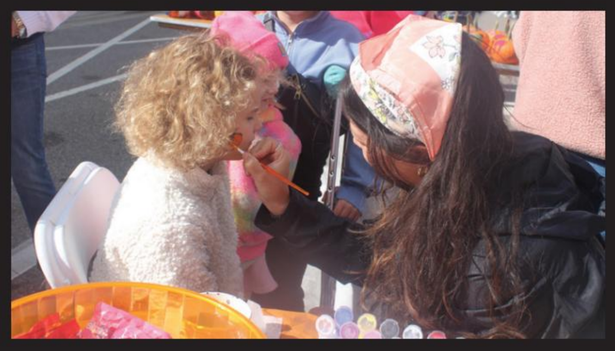
Johnson said jumping out to a big lead early also helped get Lee out of their rhythm.

"Any time you can do that it's really beneficial. It puts the other team on their heels and then they're trying to play catch up," he said.

Payton Lijewski caught his eighth touchdown pass of the season, leaving him just one short of the New Buffalo school record with two games left to play.

Luke Johnson set the record in 1993.

Kids enjoy the fall sensory activity in the kids area



Jenna Roganovich paints Emily Duffner's face

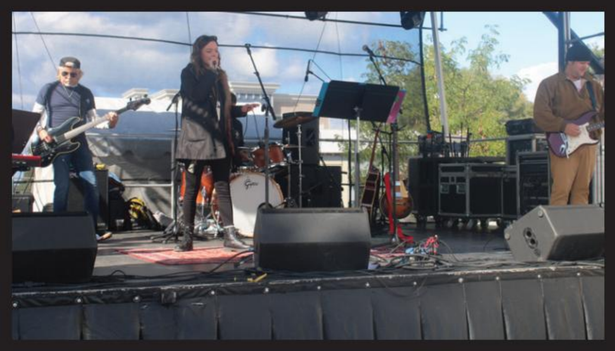
Enjoying libations in the wine and beer tent

Festival goers enjoy beverages in the beer and wine tent

Kids paint pumpkins in the kids area

Piper Kramer munches on popcorn

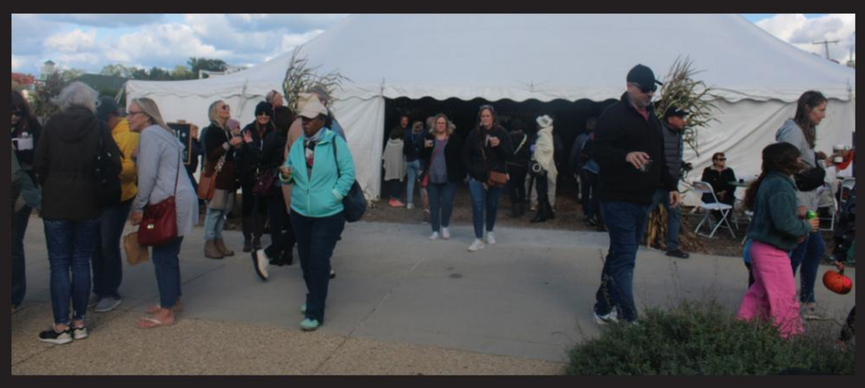
Guests enjoy the festival on Whittaker Street



The Edgar Wilbury Experience performs on the main stage

Festival goers check out one of the vendors' tents

Jason Brist and Michelle Williams enjoy beverages in the beer tent



Festival goers stream in and out of the wine and beer tent

Phillip Vuc mans the grill at the Cevapcici tent

Lining up at the Wood Fire Pizza truck

Kirstyn Weber and Jamie Gallinati enjoy beverages at the festival

Linda Martinez and Susan Stoneburner pour wine at the Domaine Berrien Cellars table

Welcoming fall during Harvest and Wine Fest

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

Downtown New Buffalo was the snapshot of a crisp fall day when the New Buffalo Business Association (NBBA) presented the 17th annual Harvest and Wine Fest Saturday, Oct. 7.

Fall-themed activities, such as throwing the pumpkin in the buckets and pumpkin- and face-painting, were in full swing on one end of the downtown. Tents with vendors touting their fresh apples and other fall produce and various crafts crowded the middle of North Whittaker Street. Music from a lively line-up of bands, which included The Ron Burgundys, Top Secret Band), The Edgar Willbury Experience and Ultrafab drifted overhead throughout the afternoon and into the evening from the stage at one end of the festival's limits.

People streamed in and out of the large white wine and beer tent, which featured a large variety of representatives from area wineries, on Merchant Street. Local wineries that were featured were Chill Hill, Dablon, Domaine Berrien, Lemon Creek, Round Barn and Tabor Hill. Breweries were Ghost Isle, Haymarket, Livery, River St. Joe Round Barn. Cideries were Blakes and Round Barn.

Cheerleaders rile up the crowd at the game

The female half of the student population competes during Powder Puff football Sunday

Braeden Bergerson and Drew Bowen play pickleball during one of the Homecoming festivities

Seniors Ava Johnson and Lauren Gradwoski pose with the Spirit Jug

The Homecoming Court awaits the crowning

Teacher Tricia Newton riles everyone up at the pep rally

The band leads the students to the pep rally

Elementary students cheer during the pep rally

Students salute the states during Homecoming 2023

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

Students at New Buffalo High School saluted the United States of America during this year's "States" -themed Homecoming week, which took place Sunday through Friday, Oct. 2-6.

The winner of the annual golf cart competition was the senior class for their Nevada-themed cart. Second place was the freshmen for their Hawaiian cart, third place went to the junior class for their Californian cart and fourth place went to the sophomores for their Louisiana-themed cart. Winners of Spirit Week were as follows: first place, seniors; second place, juniors; third place, freshmen and fourth place, sophomores.

The week culminated with the crowning of the homecoming kings Hagen Davis and Cameron Forker and queen Elizabeth Lamport during halftime at the Red Arrow Raiders' game against Wyoming Lee. Joining them in the homecoming court were Giovanni Sanchez-Perez, John Riley, Audrey Proctor, Jack Lantz, Ava Johnson, Lauren Gradowski, and Elliott Bourne. Student representatives were Drew Bowen, Harper Bowman and Layne Collins, freshmen; Angelina Bryk, Kayden Hall and Connor Semunchuk, sophomores and Ava Bauer, Ekolu Brown and Erick Gaeta, juniors.

Golf carts get ready to ride around the track

Students compete during the pep rally's scooter race

The seniors' Nevada golf cart rides down the track

New Buffalo High School Band performs before the game

The Raiders rush the field

Students pose by their golf carts

Homecoming Kings Hagan Davis and Cameron Forker with Homecoming Queen Libby Lamport

Students cheer their graduation year at the pep rally

Students compete during the pep rally's annual tug of war

The juniors' California golf cart rides down the track

The Bison mascot poses with student athletes at the pep rally

The Bison interacts with students at the pep rally

Competitors face hot competition at Skip's chili cook-off

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

Despite the frigid fall winds, the competition was heating up underneath the big white tent during Skip's Restaurant and Catering's 17th annual chili cook-off in New Buffalo Sunday, Oct. 8.

Coming in at first place in this year's cook-off were Broken Down Divas, Colleen Bennett and Cathi Young. Second place was awarded to Berrien County Sheriff's deputies Kristin Robbins and Nick Magro and third place went to father-daughter team, Darrel and Eryka Kettring with Kettring and Company.

Placing first in the People's Choice category were chef Darcie Garner with James Garner and Will Mounts. Second place went to Berrien County Sheriff's deputies Robbins and Magro and third place went to New Buffalo Township firefighter John Conlin with Ashley Munson.

Sitting on this year's judges panel were real estate broker Nora Duffy Lulu's Cupcakes Creations owner Charles Smith, mechanical engineer Frank Mann and woodworker and teacher Paul Rutgers.

While enjoying their chili, guests could enjoy live entertainment from Jason and Nathan Smith, who performed with their bands The Generation Gap Band and Phaze Doubt.

Skip's owner/partner Rhonda Sobecki said that 10 gallons of chili were made by each team.

"That equates to 110 gallons today because there were 11 contestants - if you multiply that by 17, there's a lot of chili there," she said.

Other contestants included farmer Chris Hebron, chef Sarah Sass, chef Alyssa Brake, chef Darcie Garner, home chefs Jeannine and Eric Bruketa and their team The Big Chil-E, chef Joey Cajun Richard with his team Gumbo Spoon Express and chef Matt Sobecki, representing Skips Restaurant & Catering.

Sobecki said the Gumbo Spoon Express team drove straight up from Louisiana and arrived in Harbor Country in time for the cook-off. Home chefs reached out via social media when Sobecki posted about it.

"I was like, 'If you can make 10 gallons of chili - because that's overwhelming - and one woman who wasinterested said, 'No problem,'" she said.

Sobecki said the crowd also featured a good mix of chili taste testers.

"I see a lot of local people, I see a lot of second home owners - the whole thing makes me feel warm and fuzzy inside," Sobecki said.

The cook-off is the grand finale for Skip's European Farmers Market, which celebrated its 15th season this year when it opened in May.

Despite this year's relentless rain, Sobecki said that the market was "phenomenal."

"The market's got a life of its own - it's highly successful," she said.

The market placed third place in Michigan (it was fourth last year), 16th place in the Midwest and 64th in the nation out of 5,000 markets in American Farmland Trust's 2023 America's Farmers Market Celebration.

Sobecki thanked the market's "loyal and dedicated vendors," who call themselves the "Skip's Market family."

"They truly are a family - they coordinated among themselves trick or treating today, they got a potluck behind one of the tents and they brought their own food...It's just a camaraderie that's amazing," she said.

Staff members of Skip's, which will be celebrating its golden anniversary come January, also consider themselves family.

"I think it's because we're family owned - we treat each other like family," she said.

Enjoying chili underneath the white tent

David Barker, Kristin Robbins and Nick Magro serve up chili from the Berrien County Sheriff's Office

Joey and Kimberly Richter serve chili from Gumbo Spoon Express

Kathy and Derrel Kettring serve up chili from Ketrring Company

Joe Janis, Jeanine Bruketa and Erik Mishler serve their Big Chil-E chili

Enjoying the last farmers market of the season

Tyler Mantei and Alysssa Brake

Zoe and Naya Waldo

Chris and Michelle Hebron from Hebron Farms serve chili

Guests enjoy chili underneath the big white tent

Miss Junior Teen Bridgman Lily Munson, Ashley Munson and John Conlin serve up chili from the New Buffalo Township Fire Department

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Fast food workers charged in jail money scheme

BY STAN MADDUX

Some workers at a fast food restaurant were stealing credit/debit card numbers from customers and using the La Porte County Jail as part of their money theft and laundering scheme.

Kristin Vanschoyck, 35, Darrien Ward, 20, and Prince Arnold, 21, are charged in La Porte Circuit Court with level 5 felony fraud on a financial institution and level 6 felony criminal organization activity.

According to court documents, they were employed at Hardees in Michigan City.

In August and September, Vanschoyck allegedly photographed and videotaped the numbers of credit/debit cards from drive-thru customers at the restaurant at 5223 Franklin Street.

She gave the numbers to Ward and Arnold, who used them to purchase clothing online and place anywhere from $1,000 to $4,000 into the jail accounts of several inmates.

La Porte County Police Chief of Detectives Andy Hynek said the internet was also used to place money into the jail inmates' accounts.

The accounts are for inmates to purchase food and other items from the commissary.

Another alleged conspirator in the crime, Dylnn Scott, also of Michigan City, went to the jail and posted bond for the inmates in cash.

Scott was not employed at Hardee's but was an acquaintance of one of the fast food restaurant workers, Hynek said.

Before released, Hynek said each inmate was issued a debit card to use on the outside for tapping into the money from their jail accounts, which is standard procedure for all offenders making bail.

Right away, the inmates were taken to an ATM to use the cards for withdrawing money from their jail accounts as their cut for taking part in the scheme, according to court documents.

The inmates then gave the cards to the employees from Hardees, who used them to tap into the funds still left in their jail accounts, court documents showed.

"So, basically, they laundered money through the jail system. They put fraudulent money in and got clean money out," Hynek said.

Hynek said only inmates with low bond amounts were targeted to maximize profit margins.

According to court documents, another offender helped recruit inmates to take part in the alleged criminal activity

Hynek said he began looking into the allegations after the victims on their balance statements discovered the withdrawals and contacted their respective banks.

The banks then notified the company that operates the jail inmate account system.

According to court records, the bonded out inmates charged with fraud and criminal organization activity were Moesla Payne, Lawrence Armstrong, Carissa Bealor and Hollie Lachapell.

All of the individuals charged are from Michigan City, except for Lachapell and Bealor, who are from LaPorte, according to jail records.

Hynek said as much as $15,000 was stolen from all of the victims in the bond posting scheme.

However, he said the victims are in the process of having the stolen funds placed back into their accounts by the banks.

Hynek said two other inmates bonded out have not been charged yet due to lack of proof they knowingly took part.

Changes in how the jail inmate account system is operated are being discussed to prevent another such occurrence in the future, he said.

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ARIES MARCH 21—APRIL 19

It is time to speak up about another's health and wellbeing. You are in position to prevent someone from doing something they will possibly regret and your words and presence could change someone's circumstance for the better. Be brave and have faith that your perspective is valuable.

TAURUS APRIL 20—MAY 20

Something or someone you counted on or thought permanent may suddenly disappear and this may leave you feeling that you cannot complete some project or important task you had going. This is not the case; in fact, this is an opportunity to branch out on your own and focus on your own talents.

GEMINI MAY 21—JUNE 21

It is important you detach from situations that don't involve you. Other's may try to pull you into something that could get sticky. Keep your focus on your daily activities. Keep to yourself and spend some time alone in nature in order to get in touch with your own goals and dreams.

CANCER JUNE 22—JULY 22

You have had a lot of unexpected expenses lately and your nerves could be a little rattled. On the surface it may appear that feel siblings and loved ones are not supporting you. Remain calm and know that finances will stabilize after the weekend and day to day chores will eventually get done.

LEO JULY 23—AUGUST 22

Tensions and pressure may mount this week as you look over important papers. Someone may try to pressure you into signing contracts that are not in your best interest. Be sure to read the fine print and don't sign anything until you feel your terms are met. You have the upper-hand in this situation.

VIRGO AUGUST 23—SEPTEMBER 22

Financial concerns may appear to be very stressful and unstable now but the truth is people are more willing to listen and compromise with you than you know. Just take the time to make that call or schedule that appointment to reorganize your financial contracts. You will get good results now.

LIBRA SEPTEMBER 23—OCTOBER 22

You could become easily frustrated by the uncooperative behavior of your family and loved ones now. This is because you are at a turning point and the Universe is making room for the right information and team-mate. It is time to re-invent or re-think your personal plans and future goals.

SCORPIO OCTOBER 23—NOVEMBER 21

Power is what attracts you now and your ambitious side is getting a serious boost from the stars. It is time to look and act more professional. Your being sought after romantically from all directions but your focus is on career and money matters.

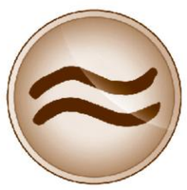
SAGITTARIUS NOVEMBER 22—DECEMBER 21

Go ahead and break from the crowd and do your own thinking. Follow your own ideas. Don't let others dominate your thinking or your perception of yourself. Be your own boss and make your own decisions. Your sparkle comes from your independence. Nobody keeps Baby in a corner!

CAPRICORN DECEMBER 22—JANUARY 19

It is family versus career again! You have had a lot of that lately. You have been pulled in two different directions most of the year and just when you got a real grasp on what you need and how to get it the phone rings with another drama. Focus on what you can control and let the rest go.

AQUARIUS JANUARY 20—FEBRUARY 18



It is time to move out of unhealthy relationships and put an end to co-dependent behaviors. Others may be putting a real drain on your energy and your negative responses only add to the situation. Leave the loser at home and check your negativity at the door. Your fantastic on your own.

PISCES FEBRUARY 19—MARCH 20

It may prove quite difficult to focus on daily chores and activities this week because you would rather be on a beach somewhere. Use this energy to plan a nice winter get away and then get to work! You are in a very resourceful place and can manifest any Maui money you need. Is that a Ukelele?

Herb is the healing of a nation, alcohol is the destruction.
— Bob Marley

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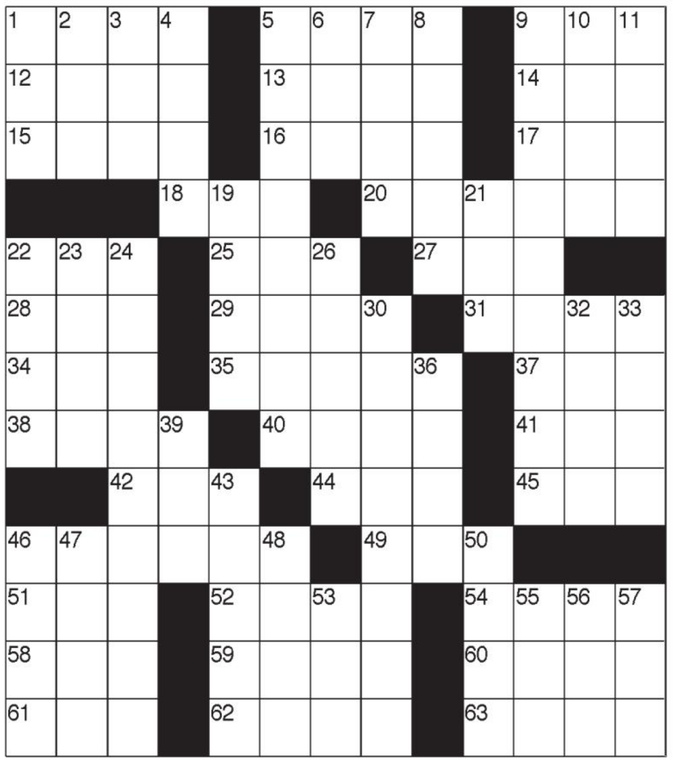

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The New Buffalo Township Library will present a program on famed Michigan City lighthouse keeper Harriet Colfax at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24.

Colfax operated the lighthouse for 43 years, from the Civil War era through the Gilded Age.

To those used to seeing men running lighthouses, Colfax initially seemed an unconventional choice for the job, but she never failed to keep the flames lit. Her tenure saw many changes around Lake Michigan and in Michigan City.

Presenter Sandra L. Young is a historian, actress and author. She spent three decades in community theater and has presented at nearly 50 events in the community. Her presentation in New Buffalo is part of the Friends of the Library's Community Forum series.

This presentation is free and open to all. The New Buffalo Library is located at 33 N. Thompson Street in downtown New Buffalo. — STAFF REPORTS

Crash between woman and her alleged stalker

BY STAN MADDUX

A man is accused of using a vehicle as a weapon against an ex-girlfriend he was allegedly stalking.

Kenneth Veal, Jr., 33, is charged in La Porte Circuit Court with criminal recklessness.

According to court documents, the woman had a protective order against Veal when he allegedly rammed into the side of a vehicle she was in with his Chevy Blazer on Saturday, Oct. 4.

After the collision, police said the vehicle driven by Veal wound up overturning in the parking lot of North Side Barbecue at Indiana 39 and McClung Road.

The investigation revealed his ex-girlfriend and a man were in the drive-thru at Taco Bell on Pine Lake Ave.

After spotting Veal parked nearby, the woman said they left and Veal headed in the opposite direction, according to police.

She said they thought Veal was gone until he allegedly rammed into the side of their vehicle at high speeds, according to court documents.

According to police, Veal told investigators the SUV occupied by his ex-girlfriend struck his vehicle while he was trying to pass it from behind, which caused him to lose control and overturn.

According to court documents, the woman called police in July after spotting Veal allegedly driving by her residence constantly and revving his engine.

She also complained he was following her to stores and restaurants and has struck her residence with pellets fired from a BB gun.

According to police, Veal was also charged last year for allegedly throwing a "Drano Bomb" on her property.

The Michigan City man was being held in the La Porte County Jail without bond.

Driver survives car split in half crash

BY STAN MADDUX

A teenage driver survived despite his car being split in half in a Harbor Country area collision with a tree.

About 6 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 8, emergency responders from La Porte County were called to 1000 North near 125 East.

La Porte County Police said the back end of a 1998 Oldsmobile was embedded in a tree while the front half of the vehicle, including the passenger compartment, was lying on the grounds of the Hesston Steam Museum in Galena Township.

Police said the driver, 19 year old Dallas Ryans, was taken by ambulance to Northwest Health and later transferred to a trauma center in South Bend for treatment of a fracture to his upper spine.

According to police, the investigation showed Ryans was eastbound at a high rate of speed when he veered off the two lane road to his left and struck a tree with the passenger side of his car.

Police said the rear half of the vehicle, after splitting in two, was embedded in the tree.

The front half of the car went up and over a 6-foot-high metal fence along the perimeter of the Hesston Steam Museum before striking an Indiana Michigan Power Company utility pole.

Ryans told investigators he left the road trying to avoid a possible animal that jumped in front of him.

Charges of operating while intoxicated and underage drinking are being sought in the case, police said.

The New Carlisle man had an alleged blood alcohol level of .097 percent, which is slightly above the .08 percent legal limit.

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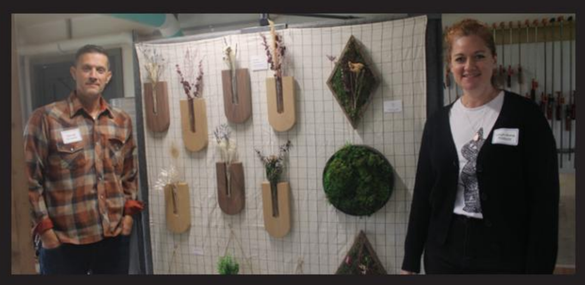
Lenore Senovic works on a piece at Courtyard Gallery in New Buffalo

MHS Executive Director Johanna Humbert speaks at the afterparty

Janet Davies emcees the auction

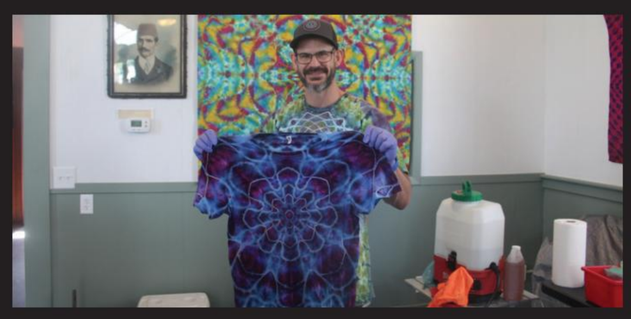
George and Leigh-Anne of Norman Lear Design show off their woodwork in Three Oaks



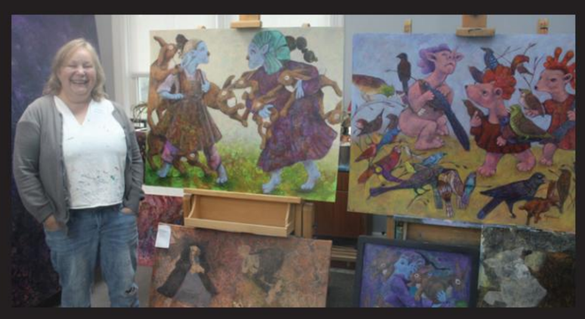
Janis Kanter displays her textile art in her Sawyer studio

Michelle Stambaugh of mud-Luscious displays her clay and mixed media at Heritage Hall

Brent Walker displays his wearable art at Heritage Hall in Three Oaks



Susan Henshaw shows her whimsical work in her studio



‘Fall Into Art’ offers inside look at local art scene

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

For the third year, the Michiana Humane Society (MHS) welcomed fall by inviting art and animal lovers to get a behind-the-scenes glimpse into the lives of Harbor Country artists.

This year, the following artists were featured during MHS’ “Fall Into Art” fundraiser, which took place Saturday, Oct. 7: Janis Kanter, Lenore Senovic, Susan Henshaw, George and Leigh-Anne of Norman Leigh Design, Gregg Farley and the Hairy Buffalo Improv Group, Michelle Stambaugh, Brent Walker and Cameron Covert.

At her Sawyer studio, Kanter was displaying her textile art, which features a variety of collages sewn into a novelty fabric landscape.

“It’s like quilting but not really…I really just aim to get the fabric to hold together,” she said.

One piece featured a statement about the environment, with the Amazon forest coming down in flames and dollar bills floating up on one side, with moose wandering by the water.

“They’re all kind of commentaries on something, either political or social, but they’re not very in your face – the idea is then people may have a subject matter they want to talk about and not get angry with each other and then we can talk about it,” Kanter added.

Henshaw, who paints out of her childhood home on Kruger Road in Union Pier, also makes statements on the state of the world through her acrylic and abstract paintings.

“I start with an abstract background - I’ll start picking out images and when it names itself, that’s the piece that I’ll paint… It usually has some kind of social or world kind of meaning to it, I call it the ‘Serious Real Life Story Book in Fashion,’” she said.

Henshaw said that this isn’t a storybook for children, though, and drew attention to two pieces: “Another Dead Girl in the Woods” and “Evil Men Who Elevate Themselves on Wings of Lies.”

“There’re political things in there, some is tongue in cheek, kind of funny and cute,” she said, adding that there’s also commentary about friendship and relationships.

Husband and wife duo George and Leigh-Anne, who were displaying their custom wood pieces in their remodeled former pony barn in Three Oaks, said that they fell into their business while living in Chicago during the Great Recession in 2009.

“We started making stuff ourselves for our apartment and then our friends saw it and then they wanted something, then their friends wanted something,” Leigh-Anne, who said they do residential and commercial custom furniture, said.

All proceeds went to MHS and its more than 1,000 animals it will care for in 2023.

At the after party at Section House in Sawyer, guests bid on live auction items as well as made a straight donation to the shelter during the “Fund A Paws” portion.

MHS Executive Director Johanna Humbert said that “Fund A Paws” funds would go toward an inhouse blood system, which can do blood work on animals and allow them to have immediate results. Animals can have their blood tested to be given the green light on having surgery.

The machine will aid Dr. Johanna Nimeth, the shelter’s new inhouse veterinarian, comes in twice a week.

“She can do surgery on just about anything and she’s fitting in very well,” Humbert said.

Guests also got to view three special guests: three 8-week-old puppies, out of a litter of eight, who were found near a dumpster. The puppies will be spayed and neutered this week by Nimeth and then available for adoption.

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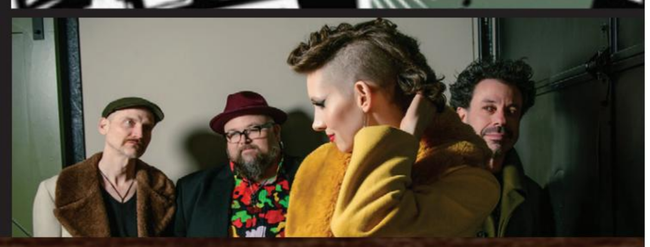

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